

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 10, please replace the paragraph spanning lines 15-23 with the following new paragraph:

--In the present invention, use of a carbonate group-containing compound ensures that at least one of the calcium compound block and the phosphate solution contains phosphate carbonate group(s). As used herein, "a carbonate group-containing compound" refers to carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) or a compound of carbonate group (CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>) and cation, exemplified by carbon dioxide gas, dry ice, sodium hydrogencarbonate, disodium carbonate, potassium hydrogencarbonate, dipotassium carbonate, ammonium hydrogencarbonate, diammonium carbonate, calcium carbonate, and the like. A single carbonate group-containing can be used, while a mixture of a plurality of carbonate group-containing compounds can also be used.--.

Please replace the paragraph spanning pages 10 and 11 with the following new paragraph:

--As used herein with respect to the present invention, "apatite" refers to a compound having a basic structure expressed by the formula A<sub>10</sub>(BO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>6</sub>G<sub>6</sub> A<sub>10</sub>(BO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>6</sub>C<sub>2</sub>, wherein A denotes Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Cd<sup>2+</sup>, Sr<sup>2+</sup>, Ba<sup>2+</sup>, Pb<sup>2+</sup>, ZN<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Mn<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup>, H<sup>+</sup>, H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, A<sup>1+</sup>, Y<sup>3+</sup>, Ce<sup>3+</sup>, Nd<sup>3+</sup>, La<sup>3+</sup>, C<sup>4+</sup> or the like, BO<sub>4</sub> denotes PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup>, CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>, CrO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup>, AsO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup>, VO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup>, UO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, SiO<sub>4</sub><sup>4-</sup>, GeO<sub>4</sub><sup>4-</sup> or the like, C denotes OH<sup>-</sup>, OD<sup>-</sup>, F<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, BO<sup>2-</sup>, CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>, O<sup>2-</sup>, or the like. As used herein with respect to the present invention, "hydroxyapatite" is Ca<sub>10</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>6</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>. As used herein with respect to the present invention, "carbonate apatite (apatite carbonate)" refers to an apatite in which a part or all of phosphate groups or hydroxyl groups therein are replaced with carbonate groups. The apatite in which phosphate groups are replaced with carbonate groups are called B-type carbonate apatite, while the apatite in which hydroxyl groups are replaced with carbonate groups are called A-type carbonate apatite.--.